



HUGH E. JONES JR.

If there ever was another fellow more grand than Hugh that he must have been a double to Hugh himself. He is perhaps the most devoted pal I have, and the same holds true of his friendship to you all, Viltis. This issue, which amounts to 150 dollars in all, is covered by Hugh, and that sure is a grand bit of generosity. I am sure, we all are grateful to him.

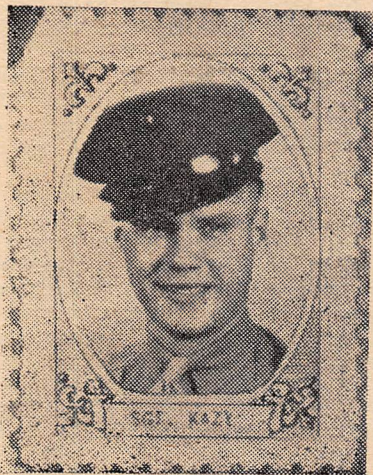
Hugh, who is now 24 years old, of Danish-Welch extraction, tall and with a most winning smile, and quite handsome. As you all know by now, he was the one who conceived the idea of this Service Paper. He is always full of ideas. Here is his latest: "To publish a souvenir album with pictures of all the Viltis boys and girls in the service and their biographies, and a section devoted in memoriam, of the boys who lost their life, also with their pictures and biographies, and describing their supreme sacrifice for our country." Boy, it would be wonderful to bring forth such a souvenir that will prove to be lasting. But... It's food for thought. I remember two years ago, when Hugh was so insistent I undertake Viltis, and I almost reached a point of telling him a word or two, for it seemed such an impossible task to me, but here it is! Through illness and what not, Viltis appeared and proved to be a blessing to me, and a source of joy. So, altho his present suggestion also seems as quite an expensive undertaking, who knows?

Hugh joined the service soon after Kazy did. He too wanted to enter the Marines, but color-blindness kept him out. Practically all of his training was in Florida. Miami and Gainesville, and was stationed for about a year at Brookley Field, near Fairhope and we got to see each other fairly often. That's when he conceived the idea for Viltis. Then, he was taken ill with T. B. and was hospitalized at Edward Hines for about a little over a year. I followed with the same ailment some 7 months later. He is presently working at the Dodge Company doing war work.



LILLIAN CINSKAS

As the Lithuanian folk songs always describe —"Balta, grazi lelijele"—White and beautiful and loving lily—that's her! And she is going to be my sister-in-law, and I'll love that! She was educated in the Lith Academy for girls of St. Kazimir, and now holds a position as private secretary at the Lith cemetery of St. Kazimir and Kazy is her boy friend. That name seems to be a part of her life. Lil who is our LYS reporter, has been an LYS member for years (maybe 10) and she is only 22 now, so as you see, she grew up there (as did Janie, Patsie, Josie and many others). She is a folk dance vet and a good dancer, teaching presently at the Schultz Dance Studio the Latin-American dances and also teaches Lithuanian (which language she speaks perfect. Lil, tho Lithuanian, is a brunette, blue eyed, very lovely and wonderful company. Her disposition is wonderful, ever smiling and ever happy and the best daughter her mother has (being the only child).



THIS IS KAZY

I'm not going to brag about him at all. Everyone knows that I'm mighty proud of him, and everybody knows that he is a swell lad too, so no use repeating it all.

On January 14, 1942, Kazy and I planned to go to Mexico. Everything was set, destination the state of Michoacan, city of Uruapan with and among Tarascan Indian friends. But the Pearl Harbor incident ruined our plans as it did for many others. Tho he was 19 and the drafting age was 21, he enlisted in the Marines in defence of our land and instead, on January 14, he left for his training. He received his training at San Diego and Camp Pendelton, Calif. Had but one foulough and was sent across to New Zealand. He has covered many Pacific isles and participated in many invasions. He was in Guadalcanal, Kwajalein, Guam, Iwo and others. He has been nearly three years across. Kazy was a beautiful dancer and participated in many folk festivals in Washington where he also played the accordion for our LYS participants. He is tall, blond, well built and handsome and in love with Lillian Cinskas. On March 27th he was made a Staff Sergeant. Am I happy? It is as if I am the one gets the additional rank and chevrons. Geriausio pasisekimo broleli!



SGT. ARTHUR TUMOSA

Girls, here is a handsome guy for you. And, as a lad, he was chosen as the healthiest Lithuanian boy in Chicago, and his sister Venus won the same title among girls. And we have over 100,000 Liths in Chicago, so that's something!

Artie is Kazy's closest pal and Artie owns all fine qualities one can want in a lad. He and Kazy are of the same age two-weeks apart, both 23. Artie received his training mostly in Scott Field, Ill., and at Truax Field, Wisc., tho there were many other fields but of very short duration. He is a "Flight Tower Operator" and is presently in France. Artie is an extremely jolly lad ever laughing, easily. He too is a vet of many folk festivals and a good dancer.

Aside Venus, who is now married to Love (a good combination - beauty and love), and is becoming a surgeon, there is still another 18 year old sister Levene who is becoming a lassie of unsurpassed beauty. She might even be a future Miss Chicago, or, Miss America.

NOOK OF THOUGHT

TO MAKE MYSELF CLEAR:

Some of my friends seem to think that I'm nationalistic, i. e. Facist, anti-Semitic, pro-Jewish (I must be one but can't be both), ultra-Catholic and anti-Russian. The facts are that I'm poly-nationalistic if anything. My past record will speak for that. If I express love for Lithuania and its people, that's natural. Was I not born there? Did I not spend my boyhood there? Among the American Lithuanians there is a saying: "Good Lithuanians make good Americans." If I were unappreciative and had no affection for the land of my fathers, probably I'd lack the same qualities for my adopted land. When one loves his parents he also loves everyone. And those sincere to one will likewise be to another.

To say I'm anti-Semitic is a joke! To say I'm prosemitic... I fear that in this dark age of hatred and prejudice, one can't be too pro-jewish to combat the evil of anti-Semitism.

I do not use Catholicism as a tool to influence anyone. I truly and sincerely believe, and have said so many times, in writing and orally, that each person should follow the religion of their conviction. All true religions are good, be it Catholicism, Judaism, Protestantism, Buddhism, Jainism, Confucianism, Taoism, Mohamedanism, Mormonism, or whatever. God is universal. And I reprint a garagraph previously used:

"God is universal. Beginningless, endless and omnipresent. No creed or denomination can claim Him as their property, or that their way of worship is the Way. By whose mandate do they own the Father of all? Hinduism, the oldest religion and the religion of many millions (whom we call 'heathens'), teaches that 'God is One,' but many are his manifestations and many are the ways that lead us toward that God." Just as a river that is fed by many creeks and brooks and other tributaries, and later empties into the vast ocean to become one with it, losing all its identity—where no river can claim that 'I'm the Mississippi, Amazon, Arkansas, Niger or Nile' so are we as people on earth, merely as rivers that become fused into one entity in the eyes of God. Pray to Him in accordance with your own sincere convictions. Regardless of the many manifestations, God is One. He is everywhere, and He is with you!"

I don't believe in apostasy. I've never given any contribution for missionary activities. And when it was in my power, I've prevented conversions. Instead, I've tried to make men better in whatever religion they professed. I've made Catholics better Catholics, and Jewish lads better Jews, and I can prove this if called upon. I'll condemn Catholic fanaticism with the same vigor as I would Protestant, Communist or Nazi horrors. The Spanish Inquisition with its Torequemada and St. Vincent Ferrer are of the same atrocious caliber as Nazi persecution with its Hitler-Himmler. Both were shameful even tho one was committed in the name of the Cross, and the other



CAROLYN AND ELOISE NICHOLS

Above you have another example of pulchritude that Fairhope raises. Yes man! Fairhope is the town of beauty in every phase. Landscape or humans. Like all Organic girls, they too are talented. Good actresses, good singers, musicians, dancers and so forth. After all... look who their parents are. "Pop" Nichols (grandfather) was quite an active person on the Organic staff, their mother still is, their father owns an artistic soul and a most pleasing voice. He even sings Lithuanian songs (Valio Marvin!). Carolyn is now attending Milsaps College at Jackson, Miss. Even there she is quite

popular, sings, and is sought after to entertain, and is also the campus queen. She is a steady of Lt. Edward Totten, one of Fairhope's finest youths, a marine stationed at Jacksonville, Florida. The Totten boys, like the Nichols girls, are tops. So that will sure be a grand combination.

Eloise is still attending Organic. Otherwise, all above qualities are attributed to her too. However, I think that she has the prettiest eyes I've seen. Am I wrong, fellows? (NO!). She has a boy friend too, Clayton Corzatte. But she is not engaged. So let's see what some of you wolves can do.

in the name of Wothan, or Hitler. The Pogroms of Jews by Ukrainians, Russians, Romanians and Poles in the various ages of the Christian era, were as beastly as the Nazi massacres of the present generation. And when the Jews had their day, they did not treat the Samaritans with kid gloves. but with sword and fire and discriminatory laws that still exist. I also condemn American discrimination against the Negro and Mexican. (And yet we are a democratic and enlightened nation!) And with equal vigor I'd condemn Lithuanians as well if they would resort to such infamy.

I'm not anti-Russian; I prosecute and hate no one. I merely condemn murder, unjust prejudice and strong arm methods. If a thing is good people accept it without fear of coercive assimilation or at the point of the gun. Therefore, I want independence for Lithuania and the Baltic people. What's wrong with that? If Russia were democratic, I'd say those little nations would be far better off in the brotherly embrace of a democratic group of nations—but not in the embrace

of a bear ready for the kill. I also want independence for Palestine as a Jewish homeland. The Jews have been murdered and oppressed long enough and they have a right to shelter in their own rightful land of promise, where they will know fear no more. Denying them this and yet killing them in the lands of their dispersion, is a heinous act, and no credit to Christianity. I want freedom for India, and all other exploited peoples!

Of course I am religious. God has been good to me, and I worship His Holy Name with appreciation. Religion can be salvation if all observed the ten commandments of God and had their faith in Jesus.

In observing God's law we would have observed the injunctions against covetousness and killing. Greed and covetousness breeds war and murder. If we would follow Christ there would be brotherhood and peace for He said: "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." And I am for brotherhood of all men.

V. F. Bellajus